

MEC News, II, 15, Pediatric Care Committee

Greetings and welcome to the latest issue of MEC News. Today's issue will be the next in our series of in-depth looks at the roles and responsibilities of Medical Executive Committee subcommittees. The presentation that follows describing the Pediatric Care Committee was made by the chair of the Committee, Dr. Deborah Merke, also the Clinical Center Chief of Pediatric Services.

Pediatric Care Committee

Charge and Functions

The Pediatric Care Committee advises the Medical Executive Committee and the Director, Clinical Center regarding policies and procedures related to all aspects of pediatric care. It serves to improve the coordination of pediatric services between the Institutes and Clinical Center. It provides direction to, and liaison among, the MEC, Clinical Center clinical and service departments, the Institutes and the Children's Inn in matters pertaining to pediatric patients.

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Recent Activities

- Development, creation and ongoing oversight of two pediatric web sites:
 - The Pediatric Staff Resources
<<http://www.cc.nih.gov/cc/pedweb/pedsstaff/index2.html>>
 - Pediatric Family Resources
<<http://www.cc.nih.gov/participate/patientinfo/services/infoforparents.shtml>>
- Establishment, communication and ongoing oversight of key pediatric clinical courses:
 - CC PALS
 - Pediatric Pre-mock sessions: review of pediatric emergency management for nurses and physicians
- Pediatric input to CRIS
- Establishment of MORE (Medication Occurrence Report Evaluation) Subcommittee which evaluates pediatric occurrence reports and pharmacy pediatric dose intervention data in aggregate for trends
- Creation of list of available Pediatric Consultants who are available to serve ad hoc for the NIH IRBs for the Office of Human Subjects Research
- Advisement regarding and review of MAS policies as needed

- Advisement regarding and review of Children's Inn key clinical policies: DNR Orders and How to Respond to Medical Emergencies
- Assistance in the development of the CC Pediatric Patient Perception Survey
- Evaluation of the standards of practice for monitoring pediatric patients receiving intravenous narcotics
- Advisement regarding CRC activation issues
- Collaboration with the Department of Laboratory Medicine in ongoing project to establish pediatric norms for laboratory data
- Development of a checklist for protocols that anticipate including pediatric patients less than 2 years old to facilitate the provision of adequate resources for the care of very young patients

If you are interested in a more complete description of Medical Executive Committee actions, please visit the MEC website at:

<<http://intranet.cc.nih.gov/medbrd>>

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